

## **PLAS Program Management Center May 1999 Activity Report**

### **PLAS PMC Activities**

#### *PLAS Deployment Activities:*

- Published PLAS-O-Gram 99-08, PLASsing for Acquisition Reform Week which advises DCMC folks as to the correct PLAS program and process codes to use for Acquisition Reform Week which is scheduled for June 7 -11.
- Completed and delivered an AFMC-specific demo version of PLAS (retitled "AAMRES – AFMC Activity Management Recording System") to the AWACS SPO at Hanscom Field. This tool will serve as a labor hour collector for their Activity-Based Management pilot study. The Global Positioning System (GPS) SPO at LA Air Force Base is also looking at this particular version for an ABC test at their location. Software delivery essentially ended our involvement with this project.
- Responded to inquiries from the Headquarters, Dept of the Army about PLAS serving as a possible collection tool for labor and cost accounting data for the Army HQ's Human Resource Office. PLAS fills most of their requirements except for collection of non-labor dollars (rent, supplies, utilities, training and other overhead items). Invited these Pentagon-based folks to DCMC HQ for a live PLAS demonstration if desired.
- Added the monthly PLAS Usage Report to the PLAS PMC Homepage. All FY99 reports are now available under the Downloads section.

#### *Unit Cost:*

- Calculated PLAS/Unit Cost data for identification of Unit Cost Outliers for the mid-year FMR (June 24<sup>th</sup>). They are: the Process Profile Variance, the Cost of Unit Variance, the Master Index and the Unit Cost Variance. Summarized the results in a color-coded Excel spreadsheet. Generated PowerPlay reports and spreadsheets of Unit Cost Outlier data for the Districts and CAOs to analyze prior to the June FMR. Continued to generate data for other FMR subject areas.
- Constructed a new, unlinked, PLAS PMC web page to display/distribute the above files so that the CAOs and Districts can readily access and perform their analyses prior to the FMR.
- Participated with the Unit Cost Team in on A Unit Cost Site Visit to DCMC Twin Cities. The CAO's Management Team was briefed on their current Unit Cost data and how to implement Unit Cost management at their location.
- Continued to generate Unit Cost Reports for DCMC, as well as the PowerPlay cubes needed to produce them. The "PLAS Only" cube is now produced by the middle of the month following the report month.
- A new "Reimbursable" cube designed to monitor NASA reimbursable reporting and facilitate oversight of the CAO reimbursable program by the ARM will be available on the PLAS home page on the first day following each report month.
- Participated in the final revisions to the Unit Cost Toolbox Standardized reports and assisted in the final update of Section 4: Standardized PowerPlay Reports to Analyze Unit Cost Data, Part C – DATA ANALYSIS AND VALIDATION in A Guidebook to DCMC's Unit Cost Management System. All the files necessary to run the complete Unit Cost Toolbox are now available for download on the DCMC Unit Cost Homepage.

### *COGNOS/PowerPlay:*

- Participated with other DCMC certified COGNOS instructors in rewriting DCMC's PowerPlay training material for PowerPlay, Version 6.0.
- Met with Industrial Analysis Support Office (IASO) personnel to determine how COGNOS tools could provide data that fully integrates with their Activity Based Management approach to managing PLAS process 010 - Industrial Analysis Program. Developed several PowerPlay reports and Excel spreadsheets for their use.
- Provided End-of-the-Year historical MOCAS data from September 1993 through March 1999 to DCMC HQ to portray contract mix over time in both ULO and Contracts On Hand.

### **Major New Events for June and Beyond**

- Continue Unit Cost site visits.
- Deploy PLAS 9.0.3.
- Update PLAS Help File in anticipation of PLAS Release 9.03.
- Continue to provide support to DLA-FO in PLAS program management.
- Provide data to CAOs that will allow a contract level look at the MOCAS data that pass/do not pass the Unit Cost filtering process in order to better manage CMM and MUMM counts. Data source: PowerPlay cube or Impromptu query queries of DIRAMS.
- Update instructions for building the local PLAS server PowerPlay cube "caomdl.mdc" (used with the Unit Cost Toolbox) for the new versions of PowerPlay and Impromptu.

### **PLAS Help Line Activity**

- Total PLAS Help System inquiries recorded since August 1996: 2517
- PLAS Help System contacts/inquiries during May: 37
- Questions pertaining to charging to appropriate PLAS codes accounted for the majority of Help Line inquiries, and along with general PLAS questions, accounted for 70% of our total inquiries.

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